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20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
21 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

22 KEEHAN TENNESSEE INVESTMENTS,
23 LLC, DAVID KEEHAN, DONALD J.
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25 INVESTMENTS LLC, WESTLAKE BRIAR,
26 LLC, KEEHAN TRUST FUNDING, LLC,
27 DONALD J. KEEHAN, JR., and 951 REALTY
28 LTD.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GUARDIAN CAPITAL ADVISORS, INC., et
al.

Defendants.

Case No. 3:14-cv-00500-RCJ-WGC

**MOTION TO REMAND TO LORAIN
COUNTY, OHIO COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1447(c), Plaintiffs Keehan Tennessee Investment, LLC, Keehan Trust Funding, LLC, Westlake Briar, LLC, Durham Ridge Investments, LLC, 951 Realty Ltd., Donald J. Keehan, Sr., Donald J. Keehan, Jr., and David Keehan (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), respectfully request that this Court remand this action to the Lorain County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas and require Defendants, Guardian Capital Advisors, Inc. ("Guardian"),

1 Praetorium Secured Fund, I, L.P. ("Praetorium"), George V. Cresson ("Cresson"), Development
2 Finance, LP, and Kenneth A. Miller ("Miller"), (collectively, "Defendants") to pay Plaintiffs'
3 costs, actual expenses, and attorney fees incurred as a result of the improper removal. The
4 grounds for this Motion – that this Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction -- are discussed in the
5 numbered paragraphs below:

6 1. Plaintiffs filed this action in the Lorain County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas on
7 April 25, 2014. The case was styled Keehan Tennessee Investment LLC, et al. v. Guardian
8 Capital Advisors, Inc., et al and bearing Case No. 14 CV 183315. Defendants removed the action
9 on May 8, 2014 to the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

10 2. The basis asserted by Defendants for removal of the action from the Lorain
11 County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas to the United States District Court for the Northern District
12 of Ohio, Eastern Division was diversity of citizenship under the 28 U.S.C. §1332(a).

13 3. On January 21, 2015, this Court ordered Defendants to conduct jurisdictional
14 discovery and file an amended statement of removal showing the citizenships of the parties.
15 (ECF No. 71).

16 4. Jurisdictional discovery conducted by Praetorium and Cresson revealed that
17 completed diversity of citizenship does not exist.

18 5. On February 18, 2015, Praetorium and Cresson filed a Notice of Lack of Diversity
19 Jurisdiction. (ECF No. 72). The Notice complies with this Court's January 21, 2015 Order by
20 informing this Court that jurisdictional discovery was conducted and by amending their Notice of
21 Removal to state "diversity jurisdiction is lacking." (ECF No. 72 @ p.2).

22 6. In relevant part, 28 U.S.C. §1447(c) provides:

23 A motion to remand the case on the basis on any defect other than
24 lack of subject matter jurisdiction must be made within 30 days
25 after the filing of the notice of removal under section 1446(a). If at
26 any time before final judgment it appears that the district court
27 lacks subject matter jurisdiction, the case shall be remanded. An
28 order remanding the case may require payment of just costs and any
actual expenses including attorney fees, incurred as a result of the
removal. A certified copy of the order of remand shall be mailed
by the clerk to the clerk of the state court. The state court may
there upon proceed with such case.

7. Because this Court lacks matter jurisdiction due to the incomplete diversity of the parties, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1447(c) Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court issue an Order remanding the case to the Lorain County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, c/o Lorain County Justice Center, 225 Court Street, First Floor, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

Further, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court retain limited jurisdiction over this matter to award Plaintiffs their costs and actual expenses including attorneys' fees incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of the removal. Plaintiffs respectfully request leave of this Court to file the Affidavit of Counsel showing costs and actual expenses, including attorney fees incurred by Plaintiffs as a result of the removal.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of March, 2015.

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MOTION TO REMAND TO LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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Signed on March 9, 2015.

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